

REMARKS

Substantive remarks concerning the Office Action dated August 26, 2008, were presented in an amendment filed earlier this same day.

The present amendment includes additional amendments to claims 47, 49, and 60 intended to expedite prosecution. The subject matter of these amendments may be found, for example, in paragraphs [0182] and [0188] of the Applicant's published application serial no. US 2005/0072234 A1, which note the case wherein the number of unknown stiffness parameters are significantly larger than the number of equations (i.e., a severely underdetermined system).

The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in a condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

It is believed that no fees are presently due further to the noted one-month extension of time. However, should any fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from the Nixon Peabody Deposit Account No. 50-4181 (266923-000007USPT).

Respectfully submitted,

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